

**260F.6B High technology apprenticeship program.**

The community colleges and the department of economic development are authorized to fund high technology apprenticeship programs which comply with the requirements specified in section 260C.44 and which may include both new and statewide apprenticeship programs. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 260F.6, subsection 2, relating to maximum award amounts, moneys allocated to the community colleges with high technology apprenticeship programs shall be distributed to the community colleges based upon contact hours under the programs administered during the prior fiscal year as determined by the department of education. The department of economic development shall adopt rules governing this section's operation and participant eligibility.

97 Acts, ch 201, §21